



# QCWA HOT-LINE REPORT

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Greetings from QCWA Headquarters this first month and year of a new decade. From what we can see here the coming years look good for QCWA and its members. Let us extend to you, greetings not only from HQ but from the Officers and Directors of QCWA!

## MEMBER NUMBER 23,000

We had hoped to be able to see issuance of the twenty-third thousandth membership number before the end of 1989 but it was not to be. The first and last membership number assigned in the year 1989 were: 22,116 issued January 9, 1989 and 22,971, issued December 30, 1989. That is a total of 856 new memberships. Membership number 23,000 was assigned on January 11, 1990. We have had better years for enrolling new members. It is hoped that this new year, 1990, will be a bell-ringer. We will have some thoughts on that matter later on. To provide you with actual information on issuance of membership numbers through the years we have assembled the best information possible and have prepared a listing for membership numbers assigned for each year since 1947. Numbers for the early years are imperfect since the numbering system appears to have been inaugurated about 1951, several years after the formation of QCWA. Never the less, we have put together the best possible information for you. As time goes forward we may find minor corrections are in order but, it is believed that the data presented on page 3 of the HLR are essentially accurate.

## A WAY TO GET NEW QCWA MEMBERS

There has been some discussion about how we can go about the task of increasing our membership. The problem involved is three-fold. Enrollment of new members; retaining present members in an active status and, consideration of Silent Key losses. Much study is needed on ways and means of achieving a real increase in members at the end of each year. We have thought of a rather simple way to help with the first consideration - enrolling new members. Why not each of us make a gift of a QCWA membership to a friend? The minimal cost is \$15 for a one-year enrollment. Considering the pleasure to be gained by the friend and the pleasure you will find in his enjoyment - the fee isn't very much. As a matter of fact, just a few days ago three old friends dropped by HQ and we all decided to go to McDonald's nearby for a burger and coke. Well, we indulged and bought the coke, cheeseburger and fries. The bill was \$12.18! For about that amount you can make an amateur a QCWA member! I am certain that we all have a friend who just hasn't ever taken time to joining QCWA - don't invite him, instead, fill out an application and send it

with the fee for membership. We'll do the rest! Both of you will be pleased and QCWA will have a new member!

## ON THE ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT FORM !

Late in the Fall, 1989, all Chapters were sent copies of the annual Chapter Report form for the year 1989. This form is a required report form, and it was requested to be filled out and returned to HQ by about December 31. Many Chapter Officers did so and, quite a few did not. The form is absolutely required to be returned by March 1 since, at that time we set up shop to produce our Annual List of Active QCWA Chapters. If the form is not received by March 1 your chapter is assumed to be inactive and is removed from the regular QCWA list of Chapters.

Please, if you haven't filled out the form, do so today and send it in. If you have lost the form, a postcard to HQ will bring a replacement form immediately.. Thanks much! !

## THE 1991 ELECTION NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following QCWA members have accepted appointment to the Nominating Committee charged with assembling a slate of candidates for the Summer, 1991 elections. They will need candidates for the Offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer as well as candidates for five Director positions. Those who will be working are:

Mike Orofino, W2KO    Art Rauch, W4VZ  
Jack Troster, W6ISQ    Frank Schwab, W8OK  
Jim McKim, W0CY

If you know of qualified QCWA Members who would serve, check with them, and then contact any member of the Nominating Committee with your request that they consider nominating your selection. There are few eligibility requirements - one must be a member of QCWA in good standing, and must have been a member in good standing for no less than 2 years immediately preceding his/her nomination to office. The other requirement is that if nominated and elected, that he/she serve QCWA by attending Board Meetings and participating in the governing activities mandated by our Constitution and By-Laws. In the past, it has been policy to poll existing Officers and Directors to see if they desire to be nominated for re-election. The Committee is not mandated to renominate although as a matter of practice, it generally does so. Nominations by member petition for the 1991 elections may be submitted to the Secretary no later than December 31, 1990. Signatures of 25 members, in good standing are required on any member petition.





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## HEADQUARTERS AND QCWA PINS

Once again we have run into difficulties with engraving of QCWA membership pins. This time it was apparently caused by the pin manufacturer changing the formula for the base metal used to cast the pins. The engraver was unable to get the pins engraved. After numerous letters back and forth with the manufacturer, it seems that we may have the problem sorted out again.

Pin engraving has been a constant problem, never really solved even though the cost has gone from 25 cents per letter to 40 cents per letter.

We appreciate your patience with us and those who supply us with pins and engraving. We have a pretty large list of pins not yet sent - they are now in the process of being engraved and we should be getting them soon.

## DISCUSSION ON QCWA BALLOTS

We have had the question raised as to whether or not a member is required to vote for all candidates in an elections - that is, if we are electing 5 directors, do you have to vote for all positions. The answer is no. You may vote for one, two, three, four or five. If none of the candidates please you you can of course not vote for any. Similarly, if the candidates for the officer positions do not satisfy, you can vote for only the president, or vice president, or secretary or treasurer or none!

QCWA ballots carry the notice "Vote for no more than five" covering the portion of the ballot devoted to election of Directors. Voting for more than five directors in a given election will normally invalidate your ballot.

## WITH RESPECT TO MEMBERS AND MAILING SERVICE

You will have noticed that the QCWA Journal carries the note "Address Correction Requested". This is done by Board Direction and will be done for the Spring & summer, 1990 issues. When the Journal is not delivered the postal service sends us a note telling us that the address is incorrect, or for a variety of reasons it cannot be delivered. If they have a current forwarding address they send it. We, upon receiving this information correct the member's address in our database. If no corrected address is supplied, we mark the member's record so that no more mail is sent to him until a new address is received.

The returned mail notice costs QCWA \$0.30 each. Many returns have been received from the Winter Journal mailing. A list of those whose mail could not be delivered will be published in the Spring QCWA Journal in hopes that members knowing them can notify them of the problem and that they in turn can advise HQ of the correct mailing address.

## THE QCWA MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY - 1990

The QCWA database was scheduled to be cut off as of December 31, 1989 in order to permit preparation for printing the 1990 Membership Directory. We continued to receive too much mail to make that practicable and as a result we have been continuing to hold off hoping that the mail would reduce in volume. We have made the decision to receive the mail through January 16, 1990. We will process it and then terminate the adding of material to the database. All mail received on January 17, 1990 and thereafter will not be included in publishing the 1990 Directory.

It is expected that 20 - 25 days will be required to survey the database, remove errors, duplications, etc., after which the material will be prepared for the printer. Our very tentative schedule will be copy to Printer February 10 - Printer to mailing service March 1 and in the mail March 5, 1990.

## THE QCWA 40+ YEARBOOK

Stuart Meyer, W2GHK and David Talley, W2PF have about completed their work of preparing material for publication of this truly wonderful document. It will be published in very limited quantity. It will be sold as a separate QCWA Publication. There is no way to estimate the cost at this time but, it will be a large publication, several hundred pages having the essential historical data on QCWA from 1947 to date. It will contain information on all Chapters who participated (all were invited to participate), it will contain a list of all members of QCWA from 1947 to the end of 1989. There will be copious bits of information of personalities and activities. If you think you want a copy why not send a postcard to HQ indicating that you are interested. You do not need to send money (please don't), nor will you be committing yourself to a pig-in-the-poke. Your card will simply tell us that you are interested and help in planning on the quantity to be printed.





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## NEW MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS ASSIGNED ANNUALLY

1947 - 1989

The following list of member number assignments is the best information we have been able to piece together from existing QCWA records covering the past 4 decades of our existence. Data for the early years are questionable in certain areas and there were numerous cases where a member was assigned two membership numbers. We believe these have been identified and the total is 153.

Year	No.	Year	No.	Year	No.
1947	34	1961	444	1975	959
1948	84	1962	510	1976	897
1949	89	1963	512	1977	699
		1964	485	1978	778
1950	99	1965	382	1979	928
1951	70	1966	507		
1952	188	1967	369	1980	889
1953	117	1968	446	1981	878
1954	214	1969	383	1982	1156
1955	244			1983	827
1956	237	1970	414	1984	866
1957	356	1971	489	1985	866
1958	263	1972	548	1986	915
1959	160	1973	652	1987	1005
		1974	733	1988	935
1960	329			1989	864

New member totals by decades:  
'47-49 = 207  
'50-59 = 1948  
'60-69 = 4365  
'70-79 = 7097  
'80-89 = 9201

Percentage Increase by decades  
'47-49 = base  
'50-59 = 841.1 %  
'60-69 = 124.1 %  
'70-79 = 62.6 %  
'80-89 = 29.6 %

Total 22,818

The last membership number assigned in 1989 was 22,971!

Work on correcting data is a constant project. It is probable that errors will be found and corrected as time goes forward. The information listed is believed essentially correct and that future corrections, if any will not result in significant variations.

- W5EJ -

January 13, 1990

### NOTES ON ORIGINS OF DATA

New membership listings come from two sources: (1) a record sheet listing membership numbers issued and, (2) Headquarters Master List of Members. Differences will occur when a reinstating member is accidentally issued a new number. When the error is found the new number is deleted from the series. In the HQ Master List all numbers are listed, whether assigned or not.

**LATEST MEMBER TO JOIN QCWA**--Robert L. Hess, N6SZB who resides in San Pedro, CA and who was enrolled January 19, 1990. He was enlisted through the efforts of Ray A. Furlong, W6QIL. . . Robert is retired, had a life work in radio operations, field engineering and as an electronics mechanic. - hobbies of ham radio, photography and reading. Welcome to QCWA, Robert - his membership number is 23,027!

The Hotline Report is sent to Chapter officials and to the Officers of QCWA. Members may obtain the HLR upon payment of \$6 for a one year period. Write to HQ if you wish to receive the HLR.

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